

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 2, 1998
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; KING PARKER; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BRENDA FRITSVOLD, Deputy City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Administrator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; RICHARD RICHMIRE, Fiscal Services Manager; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; SANDY CHASTAIN, Community Relations Specialist; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; PAUL KUSAKABE, Fiscal Services Director; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department; COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, Police Department.

PRESS

Elizabeth Parker, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

“Business Committed to Kids”
Award

Community Relations Specialist Sandy Chastain introduced Susan Richards, Executive Director for Communities in Schools, who announced that Target is the most recent recipient of the “Business Committed to Kids” award given by Renton Communities in Schools. Ms. Richards described Target’s tremendous support of community members, initiatives, and students. Target has been especially supportive of Hazelwood Elementary School by extending special prices for goods and services and supporting fundraising activities. Cheryl Taylor and Betsy Prather accepted the award on behalf of Target.

Executive: 1999-2000 Budget

Mayor Tanner introduced his 1999-2000 Proposed Budget presentation by reviewing the Administration’s 1998 major accomplishments. In the past year, Renton has: funded over \$500,000 in neighborhood sidewalk and street repairs; continued economic development in the downtown core; completed the final transit hub design; removed the Holm building at S. 3rd St. and Main Ave. S. and dedicated the lot as a Veteran’s Memorial Park; negotiated a franchise agreement with Seattle Public Utilities; completed phase one of the Oakesdale Ave. S. extension project; and completed renovations to the new city hall.

The total proposed 1999 Budget is \$129,783,376. Mayor Tanner explained that of this total, \$53,995,796 will be used for general governmental purposes, including program administration, planning, public safety, economic development, building activities, streets, parks, recreation and library services. Utility funds in the amount of \$41,788,230, which are generated through rates and user fees, will pay for maintenance, capital improvements, regional sewage treatment and administration to maintain a healthy water supply. The remainder

of the budget is made up of capital projects and smaller, special purpose funds.

Continuing, the Mayor said that the proposed budget continues to fund basic services at existing levels. In addition, he recommends the hiring of six police officers, three firefighters, a street maintenance worker, and one part-time utility meter reader. Mayor Tanner emphasized that water rates will not increase and a solid waste rate increase of 5% is needed only to recover higher pass-through costs.

Mayor Tanner announced that the City experienced exceptional economic growth in 1998. He expected that more than \$2,000,000 dollars will be available to meet one-time needs. One of the most significant details of the budget is a proposal to decrease property tax rates by over 5.4%. The tax rate would be reduced from \$3.55 to \$3.40 per thousand assessed valuation. This tax cut, along with special levy reductions next year, will provide significant property tax relief.

Explaining how the budget helps achieve the City's goals, Mayor Tanner said it assumes continued economic health, but at a lower growth rate. It also allows for the possibility that the economy could change. Concluding, he said the budget provides sufficient funding of basic services, implements the six-year business plan, invests in infrastructure, and provides amenities and improvements that will leave a legacy for future generations.

Responding to Councilman Clawson, Mayor Tanner agreed that the hard work and dedication of City employees makes this budget possible, and he expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * In an effort to tell the public how the new DUI laws will affect them, an educational video prepared by the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission will be broadcast on Channel 28 at various times from November 5 through November 12, 1998.
- * The Recreation Services Special Athletics celebrated their completion of six weeks of practice and training at the Maplewood Driving Range with a graduation day round of golf at Maplewood Golf Course.
- * Teen volunteers from the Renton Youth Council and Hazen, Liberty, Renton, Lindbergh, and Kentridge High Schools contributed to the success of the Holiday Boo Carnival held on October 24th at the Renton Community Center.

Police: Assault at Coulon Beach Park

Responding to Councilman Corman, Chief of Police Garry Anderson stated that considering the usage of the City's parks and trails, very few incidents occur such as the recent assault at Coulon Beach Park. He recommended that citizens use their best common sense when using the parks and trails by being accompanied by another person or staying within sight of people. Chief Anderson also encouraged citizens to report suspicious activities and people.

Responding to Council inquiry, Chief Anderson replied that the public is notified of this type of incident within 24 hours. He affirmed that all parks and trails are regularly patrolled.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Appointment: Human Rights & Affairs Commission

Mayor Tanner appointed David Fox, 10415 SE 174th St., Renton, 98055, to the Human Rights & Affairs Commission for a two-year term expiring 9/19/2000. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 98-110, Airport Runway Marking, Lighting & Signage, Colvico Inc

City Clerk reported bid opening on 10/20/98 for CAG-98-110, Airport Runway Marking, Lighting & Signage; six bids; project estimate \$471,541.20; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Colvico Inc., in the total amount of \$355,520.56. Council concur.

CAG: 98-134, Benson Road S Walkway, RJC Inc

City Clerk reported bid opening on 10/20/98 for CAG-98-134, Benson Road S. Walkway; seven bids; project estimate \$90,841.00; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, RJC Inc., in the total amount of \$76,788.75. Council concur.

City Clerk: Quarterly Contract List, 7/98 to 9/98

City Clerk submitted Quarterly Contract List for the period of July 1 through September 30, 1998; 56 agreements totaling \$8,551,157.46. Information.

Court Case: Harris v Renton, CRT-98-012

Court Case by Tom Chambers, 1400 Broadway Ave., Seattle, 98122, on behalf of Julayne Harris (residence not specified), alleging permanent, progressive and disabling injuries sustained in an automobile accident on 12/30/95 when a car that the plaintiff was riding in collided with a car driven by Renton Police Officer David Martin Adam. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Budget: 1999-2000

Finance and Information Services Department submitted the 1999-2000 Mayor's Proposed Budget in the amount of \$129,783,376. Refer to Committee of the Whole; set public hearings on November 9th and November 23rd to take testimony.

Fire: Service Agreement, Local Ambulance Companies, CAG-98:

Fire Department submitted proposed service agreement with local ambulance companies to specify response time requirements, standards for service, and equipment, maintenance and other responsibilities. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Transportation: Main Ave S Existing Utilities Underground Conversion, Puget Sound Energy, CAG-98

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the underground conversion of existing utilities on Main Ave. S. Renton's cost share of the project is \$87,000. Refer to Transportation Committee.

Public Works: Water Pipeline Franchise, Seattle Public Utilities, CAG-98-

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of four contracts implementing the franchise agreement with Seattle Public Utilities. Council concur. (See page 359 for resolution.)

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Quale - Metro Bus Route 114 Service Complaints

Correspondence was submitted from Terri A. Quale, 3806 NE 22nd St., Renton, 98056, complaining of poor service (buses that are late or altogether missing) on Metro bus route 114. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS**Finance Committee**

Human Services: King County Sexual Assault Resource

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding funding for the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KSARC). At the request of the Finance Committee, the Human Services Advisory Committee reviewed their 1999 KSARC funding recommendation. While the Advisory Committee

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recognizes KSARC as an important agency providing a valuable service in the community, it cannot recommend any increase in funding for 1999. The Finance Committee supports this recommendation. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Municipal Court: Public
Defender Services, Kameron
Cayce

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the public defender services agreement renewal. The City has previously received public defender services by agreement from the law firm of Kameron C. Cayce. The Finance Committee recommended renewing this agreement with the following changes:

- * Change the method of compensation from a "per case" basis to an amount negotiated as part of the annual budget process. If the parties do not agree on the annual amount, the City will publish a request for proposal from any qualifying law firm. Cayce will then be allowed to match the lowest responsible bidder.
- * Other minor changes were made for the purpose of clarifying agreement language or intent.

The Committee further recommended that the term of the agreement will be for one year from the date the agreement is signed. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3359

Public Works: Water Pipeline
Franchise, Seattle Public
Utilities, CAG-98-

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute four contracts related to the Seattle Water Pipeline Franchise specifically entitled: 1) Interlocal Agreement; 2) Water Purveyor Contract; 3) Lease Agreement; and 4) Agreement for Transfer of Water Service and Provision of Primary Fire Service. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3360

Planning: Partial Lifting of
Moratorium on Residential
Development in Commercial
Areas

A resolution was read partially lifting a moratorium on residential development in commercial areas for the Residential/Multi-Family Suburban (RM-C) and Residential/Multi-Family Neighborhood (RM-N) zoning designations and continuing the moratorium in the Center Suburban (CS), Center Neighborhood (CN), and Commercial Arterial (CA) Zones. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3361

Utility: Comprehensive Water
System Plan Update

A resolution was read adopting the 1998 Water System Plan. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Police: Keeping of Animals
Ordinance/Fencing
Requirements

Councilman Corman stated that there is a proposed ordinance currently undergoing review in the Public Safety Committee regarding the keeping of animals. Explaining that the City has been receiving complaints about goats escaping in the Renton Highlands, he suggested that as part of the ordinance review, specific fencing requirements also be considered. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF ANIMAL (LIVESTOCK) FENCING REQUIREMENTS TO PREVENT ESCAPES TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

CARRIED.

Veteran's Memorial Fundraiser Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler announced a fundraiser for the S. 3rd St. and Main Ave. S. Veteran's Memorial on Friday, November 6th at the VFW Hall located on Burnett Ave. S.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:20 p.m.

BRENDA FRITSVOLD, Deputy City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
November 2, 1998